Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

--A video encoder ~~(100, 300, 500)~~ and corresponding method ~~(800)~~ are described for enabling fast channel change of compressed video, where a video encoder ~~(100, 300, 500)~~ for receiving input pictures and providing compressed stream data includes a normal encoding portion ~~(130, 330, 530)~~ for receiving input pictures and providing normal stream data, a lower-quality encoding portion ~~(140, 340, 540)~~ for receiving input pictures and providing channel change stream data, and a multiplexor ~~(150, 350, 550)~~ in signal communication with each of the normal and lower-quality portions for receiving and combining the normal and channel change data streams.--